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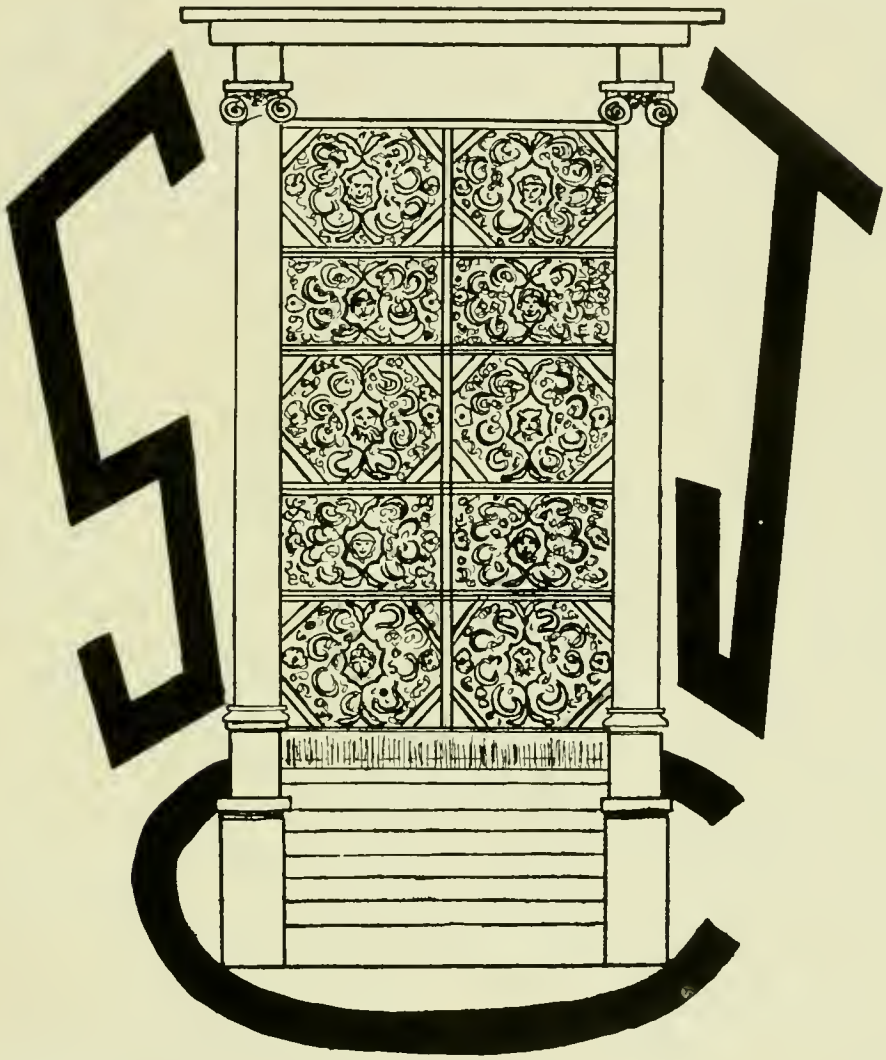

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We Remember . . .

Rather dazed by the heady sensation of being college freshmen—that was the class of '46. Orientation Week remained forever a pleasant haze of friendly faces and lofty aspirations to clubs and committees. Gradually we became conscious of the purpose and ideals inherent in Saint Joe's, passed on by willing upperclassmen and solemnized by Investiture.

We finally achieved recognition in February when Honey Brancato relinquished control of the class to Terry Kane, President, and Jeane Overend, Councillor. Midge Dietrig, Helen McLoughlin and Virginia Ryan served as Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Terry took us to see "Arsenic and Old Lace" on a day that featured the raising of our blue and gold banner in Fontbonne. The "rec" saw quite a bit of us that year, lounging on the new chairs or singing snatches from the class play by Maureen Hastings and Kay McKeever. We almost won the AA cup that year but . . .

Sophomore year found us growing in class spirit and a little wiser—lindying in the "rec" gave way to boning in the "libe." Marge Reddington was elected to the Presidency, a post she continued to fill the following year. Maureen Hastings doubled at council meetings and composing lyrics for the GA plotted by Mary Fran Sullivan. We entrusted our other offices to Terry Kane, Dorothy Connor and Rita Gilligan as Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, while Grace de Stefano received her gold tassel as UA Treasurer. Majors and minors were still perplexing us when Terry Kane brightened class day with Broadway's "Othello." This year we managed to capture it—the silver cup!

The following Fall saw us discarding moccasins for the more sophisticated attire of Junior sisters. Marge Reddington and Gina Gallagher went to council meetings with our UA Secretary, Rita Gilligan. The duties of Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer were undertaken by Helen McLoughlin, Eileen Brodrick and Catherine McElroy.

Christmas assumed an even greater glow with the advent of the coveted rings! Nancy O'Brien gave us a week to remember with a banquet at the Midston House and the delightful performance of "Jacobowsky and the Colonel." Madeline Martin combined hearts and flowers to make our Junior Dance a valentine success. Mae Calhoun and her staff continued the tradition of Junior publication of **Footprints.** Maureen Hastings originated the now famous "Choo-choo Song" which proved the hit of the "wild west" show staged so effectively by Jeanne Alvino. Philosophy book reports vied with the Dean's List as the Class Demon. The Junior-Senior luncheon which concluded the year proved a fitting farewell to many friends and a fitting introduction to our Senior responsibilities.

We discovered numerous changes in administration and faculty on our return, but the spirit remained unchanged. Marge Reddington and Jeanne Alvino were elected to the highest council posts while Mary Fran Sullivan and Kay Hildebrandt earned their gold tassels as president and councillor of the class. Gertrude Taussig, Mary Stagnitta and Mary Martin were elected to the offices of Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

We posed excitedly for Yearbook pictures when not wading through voluminous notes for the Comprehensive. December's inauspicious beginning came to a glorious close with starry eyed lasses waltzing at the Ball, planned by Gina Gallagher. The Junior-Senior theatre date at the "Glass Menagerie" under the chairmanship of Doris Blewett proved to be a gay evening. Mercier Circle claimed our aspiring philosophers and Delta Epsilon Sigma conferred its honors upon Madeline Martin, Virginia Ryan, and Mary Fran Sullivan.

The year was culminated in a blaze of glory—Baccalaureate—Mock Class Day futuristically designed by Maureen Hastings—Formal Class Day under the chairmanship of Gert Taussig—then Commencement . . . and the finale to four happy years.

At

The

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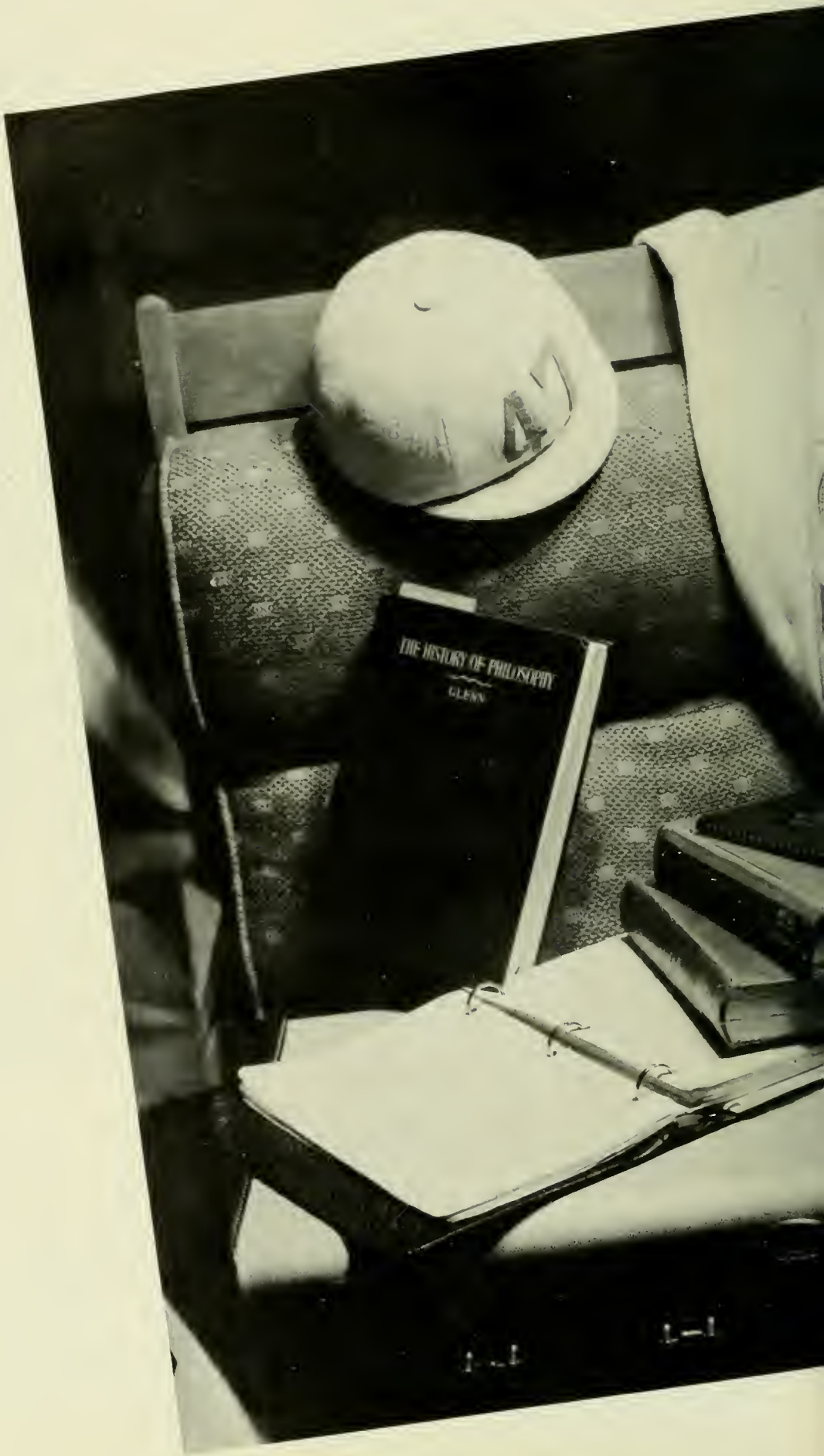
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Undergrads

Whee—lookit us! We're **Juniors**—Big Time! Freshman Orientation week found the class of '47 back from haunts of coot and fern and mosquito, and presiding, in its best Greer Garson tradition, over a very "High" tea for its very new Freshmen sisters. And just in case you're wondering why we all suddenly started using our hands oh—so expressively, mighty like a "Revlon- ad," about the third week in the term—well, you don't get a new college ring (which flashes so beautifully right spang in the middle of a Cosmo class) **every** day in the year.

Hardly had we returned into the now- you- see- me- now- you- don't S. J. C. routine, before that old bogey "National Epistemology Book Report Week" reared its ugly head. Ah, but that magnificent Class of '47 Spirit (if we can get through this we can get through anything with individual variations on the "I've Got a Right to Sing the Blues" theme) manifested itself and gave us the will to creep on through Maritain.

And on the down- trodden heels of Passing- All- Our- Exams- Please- God- Week, came Junior Week—a social maelstrom of the Macy revolving door. Banquet, theatre party, and the Prom—oh lovely, lovely dissipation!

Junior G.A., with its somehow pathetically wistful title **Holiday Inn** and its subtley chosen "Let's get away from it all" spirit, tossed the Juniors out into the turbulent seas of the rest of the term—whizz!—Finals—June!

My gosh—

Hey—

We're **Seniors ! !**

Juniors

Here they are—the Sophs. They returned in the fall to a grand new feeling—a wonderful sense of belonging. No longer the troubled existence of Frosh for them—they had fathomed all the mysteries of college life and were ready to enjoy them. However, there was still the perilous trip into "major fields"—said trip being weathered nicely.

Under the presidency of Mary O'Keefe, with Gloria de Matteis wielding the pen and Joan Stack juggling the $$$, the Sophs went on to bigger and better things—Betty Cooney—chairmaned G.A. and Class Day viewing "The Glass Menagerie." And—oh yes—two other major contributions can't be skipped—to the field of higher mathematics and complicated economy came Agnes Whalen as Treasurer of U. A.—and to the field of better sportsmanship and Varsity versatility, Regina Hughes, wielding the ball.

Sophomores

Attention—News Bulletin from the Year Book of 1949. "We are proud to announce that the class of June '49 has successfully completed its four years at St. Joseph's College for Women!"

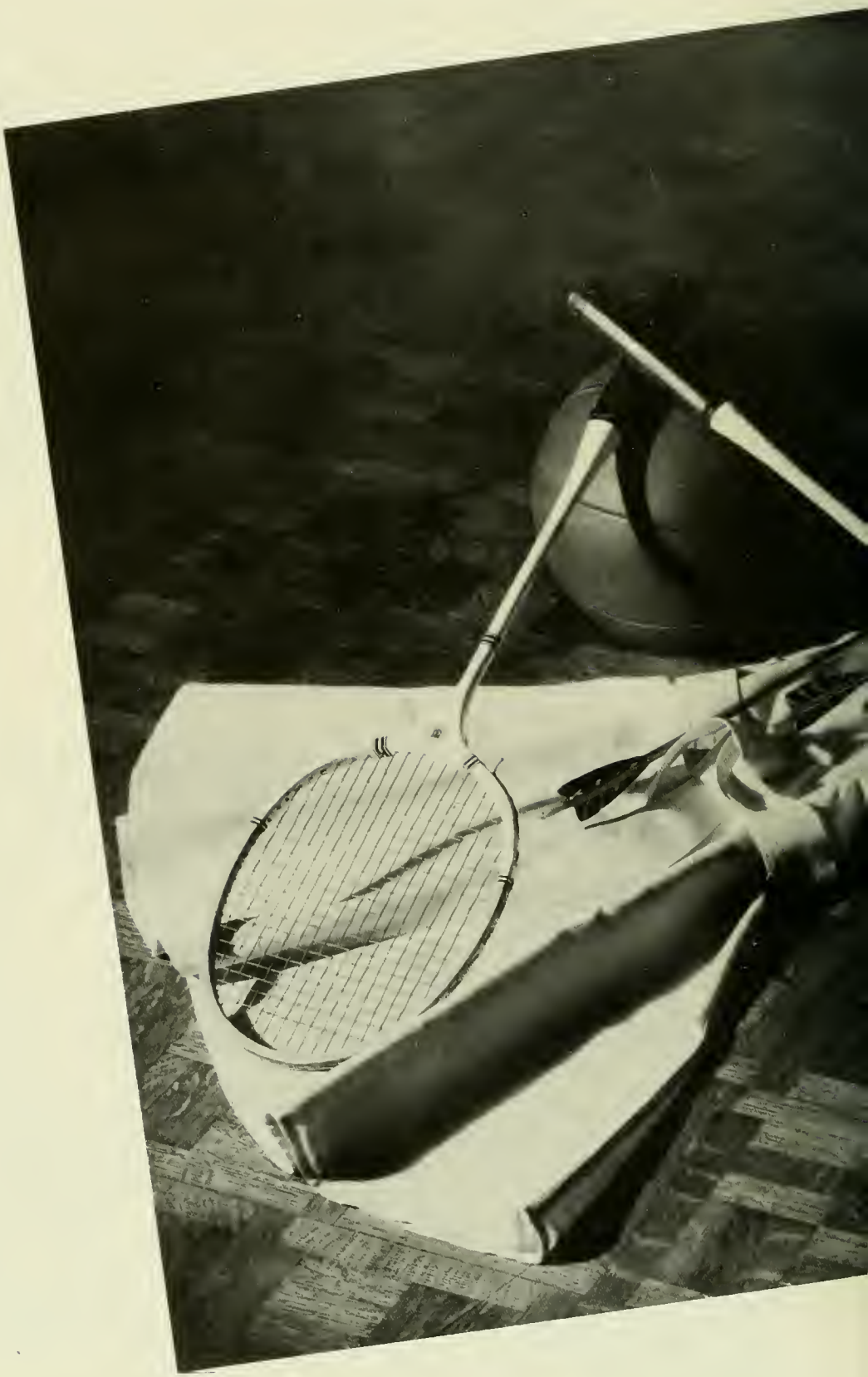
Of course, when that time does arrive we shall look back, laughingly remembering the year in which we took our first shy steps through the halls of our Alma Mater—young, impetuous, bright and shiny, like new apples—but slightly green.

So many things will flash across our memories—the mistakes we made (and corrected) the thrill of being adopted by our Junior sisters—the Christmas party—the class basketball games!

We shall recall the remorse with which we plowed through what seemed to us endless assignments—then how we wondered why somehow the French never seemed half so difficult after we'd made the Varsity—and that Math homework was so much easier when we became interested in the Glee Club.

And as we reminisce, our minds will dwell longest upon those freshies of '45 who grasped the meaning of college as so much more than just books and papers—and we shall be grateful to them.

Freshmen



Activities

Council

The Council—the group of students wearing academic black, topped with gold —consists of a little over two dozen from all the girls for whom Saint Joseph's exists. Leading the group this year is Margaret Reddington who presides over the more formal U.A. meetings and the less formal Council meetings with a willingness to assist in deciding the effective means for carrying out the wishes of students and suggestions of the faculty in keeping with the spirit of the school. Jeanne Alvino, Vice-President, has the special duty of directing and helping incoming Freshmen in many of the phases of this collegiate life we struggle (but love) to live.

The Council's actions, relative to the student body, are recorded with the push of a pencil and the tap of a typewriter by Margaret Vigilant, and kept track of financially by Agnes Whalen who diligently keeps an eye on the fluctuating budget.

Special privileges of the group as a whole include forming an Honor Guard at Baccalaureate and at induction of members into Delta Epsilon Sigma.

The Council, moreover, sees that students do not spot the school furniture with blue, black or other hued ink, keeps them from eating paper bags with their lunch, and prevents them from further distracting serious minded day-dreamers in the library . . . All in all, it is a busy bunch!

Religion Committee

A committee that is heard but not seen—theirs is the tinkle of little bells, theirs the melodious voices of hourly prayers. Twenty-two strong in all, boasting Helen McLaughlin as chairman, Norma Weekes as Secretary and Grace Devoy as Treasurer, the Religion Committee moves in mysterious ways, its wonders to perform. To them is owed responsibility for the Father's Club breakfast, for the First Friday Forums, for the Holy Hour program. They too are the good fairies who prepare the "cafeteria style" daily breakfasts starring Nescafe. It would be hard to imagine what St. Joseph's would be without these instructions—without Nocturnal Adoration—without hourly prayers—without the numberless services of this public-spirited committee. They are responsible for providing wider and deeper forms of religious life for the undergrads. All colleges offer an academic life—but to mould this into a finer and richer experience—a social, but more important, a spiritual outlet has to be presented. Both these are offered by our Religion Committee—these girls of whom we are justly proud.

Glee Club

The lights in the auditorium are dim. There is silence. There is peace. And suddenly the silence breaks. The doors open and the faint strains of "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" may be heard. Dressed as altar boys, and carrying lighted candles, the entire Glee Club choristers walk two by two through the auditorium, and finally onto the stage. Here, they form a semi-circle and continue to sing many of the other well-known Christmas Carols.

The effect is not only startling, but inspiring as well. And it is one that we will not soon forget—nor will those in the House of the Blind, either. Yes, this year a new practice was initiated. It was that of presenting the Christmas program to others outside of the College. The House of the Blind was the first to witness this new experiment, the results proving entirely satisfactory.

The cooperation and loyalty of the Glee Club has continually been remarkable, witnessed by the annual Glee Club concert—always a smashing success. But this year, the loyalty of the girls was even more in evidence. Because of Nancy O'Brien's recent illness, Mary Jatkowski was forced to step into the vacant role as President. The cooperation afforded her by the members proved a tribute to her competency.

Dramatics

Friends, if you sometimes find yourself wondering what's become of Sally or Joan, or any other kindred S. J. C. spirit, she's probably off somewhere emoting sizable portions of Maxwell Anderson script—all for the benefit of St. Joe's annual First Nighter's Association. And she does a pretty swell job of presentation, too, under the capable direction of Madeline Martin—witness the successful production of the one-act plays, **Red Queen—White Queen, Rider's to the Sea,** and **April Showers** in the Fall semester.

Our General Assembly was brightened twice this year, also, with dramatic productions—**The Violin Maker of Cremona,** and **Letters to Lucerne.** With the assistance of Miss Cowan, the director, **The Upper Room** was presented to High School Seniors on Reception Sunday in April.

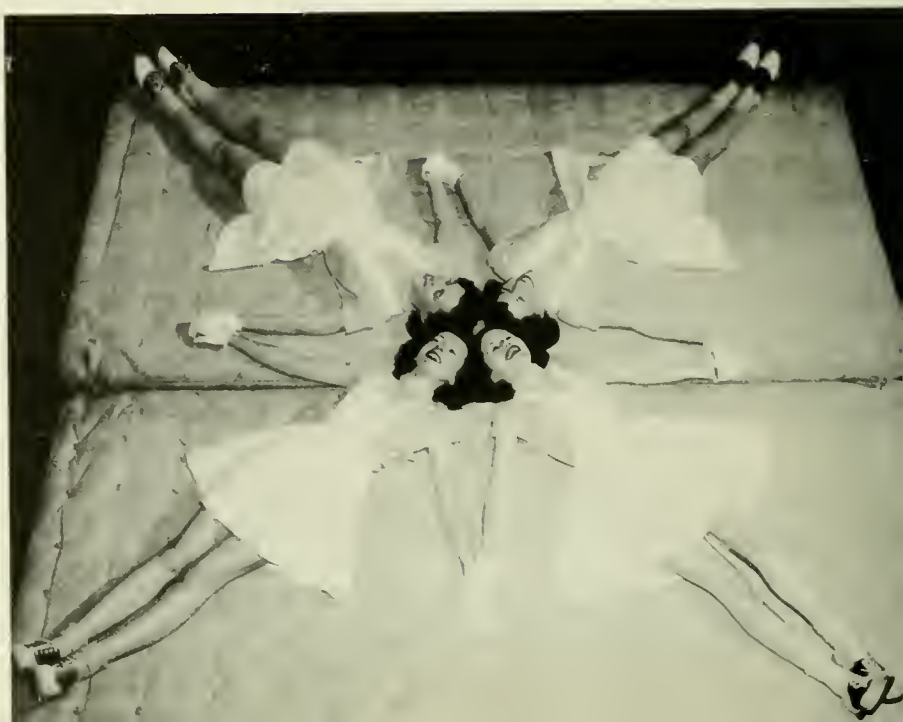
If footlights phase you (or even if you've read in **Variety** that the acting field is overcrowded) you can try your hand at anything within the backstage radius —whether it be make-up, lighting, stage-managing, or set designing. We've got it!—fun too!

Athletic Association

Some things new have been added! This year saw numerous innovations in the A. A. program. The season opened with a return engagement of bowling and a new and improved First Aid course, with Spring ushering in a novel referee class.

The Post-war planning committee got under way early in '46, deciding on an informal Field night dance. All the undergrads were invited—just in case the day proved too strenuous for A. A. members.

Chief among things "new" was A. A.'s moderator, Father Leonard who collaborated so earnestly with President Ileen Fava in preparing the smooth "stepped-up" program. This resulted in a better understanding of student aims, as well as faculty suggestions for improvement.



Attendance Committee

Piloted by Virginia Ryan these "Twelve good men and true" sit in monthly judgment. Haunted by questions like: "How many cuts can a Freshman take if a Freshman dare take cuts?"—they wear a continually harried expression. Theirs is the responsibility of deciding the legitimacy of absences—making it a purely student function. The A. C.'s decisions are final too—just another example of the powers of our student government. As to the secret of never losing points, they sum it up simply with "Never—never take an illegitimate cut!"

Piloted by Marge Kugler, with an assist from secretary Rita Maitland . . . variety in the socialization program is their main objective . . . registering the undergrads amidst a friendly bedlam . . . carving out the G. A. seating plan and attendance cards . . . usual complaint . . .

Records, Records everywhere
From the files we shrink.
Writing, writing all the time
'Til pens are out of ink.

. . . helping with Retreat attendance . . . meeting regularly, hearing appeals and when necessary changes occur, revising the constitution.

Extra-Curricular Committee

Exam Committee

If emblems ever regain their popularity the exam committee would probably be allotted one in which a wicker basket, a stack of blue books and a bottle of ink are placed in a triangle. These are symbolic of the Exam Committee as well as indicative of the old adage, "trouble comes in threes."

Exams at St. Joseph's are guided by the Honor System. It was out of this system that the Exam Committee originated. In its governing capacity, the committee headed by Mary Stagnitta and secretary Jeanne Mullen, meets regularly, hears and decides on appeals and enumerates the rights and duties of both students and committee members during examination week. We know that appreciation of the committee's work can never be expressed fully—it's just human to be prejudiced against exams.

Don't let the imposing title scare you off! It may raise visions of sober-faced citizens equipped with black string ties and a musty volume of Cicero tucked under one arm, mounted on a rostrum, haranguing on some long-since-dead-and-buried topic. But that's not the way it's done in St. Joe's. You don't have to wear a black serge suit like Senator Claghorne—or even a toga, but you do have to have a serious interest in debating—and recognize the operating principle of the Council of Debate—a principle that places debating at the very heart of our democratic process. Under the leadership of Patricia Mallon, the club has reached great heights and assumed more popularity during the past year.

Council of Debate

Art Club

These girls of pencil, pen and paint
Of work they never make complaint--
They draw, and etch, and daub, and smear--
All they need is one idea.
Dreaming, drifting in a daze--
Patti guides them through the maze.
Then inspiration comes with ease,
And their work is sure to please;
Betty is their shining light
That's why their posters are so bright!

Delta Epsilon Sigma

Delta Epsilon Sigma is a national scholastic honor society propagated by Catholic colleges and universities for their students—and alumni. The primary purpose to which this society is dedicated is "that of giving recognition and encouragement to high scholarship." And more important than this is the ability of a member to apply this scholarship to the problems and wants of the modern world.

In November of its fifth year, before parents and undergrads, the Epsilon Chapter of Saint Joseph's College awarded membership to Sister Joseph Immaculate, Ph.D., Marion Teaken, and undergrads—Madeline Martin, Virginia Ryan, and Mary Frances Sullivan.

Mercier Circle

Mercier is not the restricted circle most undergrads imagine. Although its members are honor students in philosophy, all the student body, and alumnae as well, are welcomed to its meetings. This year Virginia Ryan was chosen president and headed the discussion which was centered on Humanism. The first two months were spent outlining the historical background of the movement and this was followed by a detailed presentation and discussion of some of the outstanding humanists. Papers were given by the members on St. Thomas Moore, Erasmus, Santanyana, Schiller and Maritain. Discussions on and off the topic followed each meeting.
(N. B.—All original philosophical opinions are welcomed at Mercier circle meeting!)

The Spanish Club meets once a month, and though each meeting has a regular schedule to which it adheres, the greater part of the time is devoted to preparation for International Night. Hispania proposes, also, to supplement the work done in Spanish classes—besides her established aim of acquainting her members with the music and dances of Spain and Mexico.

Under Mrs. Raffalli's guidance, and president Elise Bensi, our "Spaniards' " setting for International Night was a market place, with all the lush gaiety and musical atmosphere that is typical of the fruit and flower people of Spain.

Hispania

Le Cercle Moliere

The French Club, as the other language clubs, has the effect of inculcating in its members a knowledge of foreign cultures. This year, Le Cercle Moliere—with president Diane Volze and director Miss Mallia—organized a new program of activities, planned a revision of the Constitution, and maintained a chiefly musical and literary program.

On International Night, their pretty picturization of French village life gave us something else of France to assimilate, besides the traditional idea of cosmopolitan Paris.

Organized in 1931, the German Club was christened "Fernsemer Verein" after St. Joseph's first professor of German. The members have kept the idea of cultural gain primary, and have pursued their aim by learning Germany's folk, popular, and classical music, its native dances; and its geographic and social knowledge is gained through lectures and discussions.

Norma Weeks is the chairman—and under her leadership and Miss Trunz' supervision, the German Club's setting for International Night was a typical student home. The girls, dressed in native costumes, gave a rollicking performance of "Schnitzelbank"—in which the audience took a willing part.

German Club

Literary Society

"The play is the thing" according to the members of the literary society. This year they concentrated on the Russian and Modern playwrights with "pithy" comments from Sister Joseph Immaculate. Realizing the interest of the student body in the theatre, they presented a G. A. concerning the American theatre—its problems and its future.

A few changes took place in the group—new faces, Freshmen and scattered child study and science Majors; new meeting place—the second floor conference room; new chairman—Helen Sullivan.

Informality was the keynote of the discussions and all contributed their share of remarks and ideas. Everyone emerged well versed in the latest literary tid-bits.

The sacristans are a busy crowd. This year their opportunities for service are greater than ever since several Masses are offered in the College Chapel every day.

Leader of the whole efficient staff is Peggy McGuire, and under her direction the uninitiated soon learn to "set" for mass and Benediction.

By the way, did you ever come across a very-puzzled-looking sacristan groaning over an innocent little book? Here's the explanation: She is trying to read the "Ordo" to find out what color vestments are to be worn by the priest—and unfortunately, the Ordo is written in Latin!

Sacristans

International Relations Club

"Keep up with the times" is the motto of IRC. Its members meet bi-weekly for lively, informal discussions. Their main center of interest during the year was the Pacific Area. Russia's interest in the Far East, American troops in China and Japan, and too, the Palestinian problem were the most popular topics.

"Tea-time" so long associated with IRC, unfortunately became a victim of the sugar-shortage for awhile. But in the interests of tea-addicts a note of cheer was forthcoming when Helen Kotch, president and Rita Maitland, Secretary, made provisions for tea and discussion to be reunited.

"We really should hate 'em—but we can't!" That is the cry we could raise about those "busy bees" on the Book Exchange—since, unfortunately, the girls do such a good job in handling our text book supply, that we find ourselves too fully-equipped for classes, too early in the term.

Chairman Doris Blewett efficiently contacted most of the professors before the opening of the semester to discover just what texts would be needed for what classes. Publishers were buzzed on the phone, students were asked to sell their old books through the Exchange, and even the process of renting books has been established. "Wise old owls" around St. Joe's know that the best place to get their books is the one and only—Book Exchange.

Book Exchange

Loria

Presided over by Peg McGuire, Editor, **Loria's** Lit Staff could be found each Monday, cozily ensconced in the magazine's very own "Press Room"—busily compiling a forthcoming issue. With our moderator's guidance, submitted material was checked—with constructive criticism adding up to "How to be another Chesterton or Belloc."

But the Literary Staff is not the only functioning branch of **Loria,** since there wouldn't be a magazine without the Art Staff's decorative contributions under Art Editors Grace LeRoy and Alice Ahrens—and without Imelda Lavin and her Business Staff's indispensable task of typing material and obtaining ads.

It is all this cooperation that gives St. Joe's students tri-yearly reading enjoyment!

Although personally past the stage when one may legitimately "duck-under" turnstiles or even squeak, "Half, please" to the movie cashier, the many who yearn to know the "Why's" of childhood ways meet at the Child Study Club.

Through the initiative of its chairman, Nancy O'Brien, the monthly, Monday meetings in the "Rec" unfolded such topical brightlights as First Aid, Mental Hygiene, Music, Play and Literature in relation to the child. Basic, however, to all discussion is the almost sacred realization that the child is, and must be, viewed as an individual.

As the last meeting, presided over by the newly-elected chairman, Dorothea Droesch, drew to a close, there was a general consensus of opinion that there was much to be added to our mental list of "Things to Remember."

Child Study Club

Social Service Club

For versatility, the members of SSC rate tops. For years they have stitched cancer pads for St. Rose's Hospital, but their activities also include making rosaries and visiting foundling homes, hospitals, and youth centers.

If you really want to see them in action watch them at Christmas time. Under the direction of Rita Maitland they gather tremendous amounts of canned food in the locker room and heaps of beautifully-wrapped gifts in the "rec," for distribution to needy families. But whatever SSC does, it's always "service with a smile."

Student Speaks was completely organized in 1945. Its aim is to aid students to express themselves on matters of Catholic doctrine and to be aware of current issues regarding religion. Membership in this society is open to all students—the only requisite is that all members present topics and participate in discussions.

Helene Lane was the competent chairman of the society for the past year. In addition to a chairman, the students have a faculty moderator who acts as a consultant in matters of dispute and contributes criticism on the manner and form of presentation of topics, but who has no vote in the elections or decisions of the society.

Student Speaks

" . . . and victory was theirs!"

"Fight, Team, Fight"

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